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FEDERAL BUREAU
OF HUNTERS



WE SINCERELY
APOLOGIZE, SIR.





I DIDN'T CALL
YOU HERE FOR
AN APOLOGY.

JUST
TELL ME WHAT
HAPPENED.




BASED ON
MS. SELNER'S
"OBSERVATIONS,"

MR. SUNG
JINWOO IS...

...ONE OF THE
"KINGS."

WHAT?!

MS. SELNER,



ARE
YOU SAYING THAT
MR. SUNG JINWOO IS
AS POWERFUL AS A
NATIONAL LEVEL
HUNTER?

I THINK...
I SHOULD
EXPLAIN.

ALL AWAKENED
BEINGS DRAW THEIR
POWERS FROM A
PLACE CALLED "THE
OTHER SIDE"...

...AND
THE CONNECTION
BETWEEN THE TWO
PARTIES IS WHAT
I CAN SENSE.



OCCASIONALLY, THE
FORCE FROM THE OTHER
SIDE IS SO INTENSE
THAT...

...SOME AWAKENED
INDIVIDUALS APPEAR
AS STREAKS OF
BLINDING LIGHT.



I USUALLY REFER
TO THESE TYPES
OF PEOPLE AS
"KINGS."

BUT IN HIS
CASE...



...I SAW NO SUCH
CONNECTION.

THE SECOND I
LOOKED INTO HIS EYES,
THE DARKNESS INSIDE
OF HIM STARED BACK
AT ME...





TREMBLE

HE WAS
DARKNESS
ITSELF.

DARKNESS...?



ARE YOU
SAYING THAT SUNG
JINWOO IS AN EVIL
BEING?

I'M NOT TRYING
TO MAKE A CASE
FOR WHETHER HE IS
GOOD OR EVIL.



I'M
JUST TELLING YOU
WHERE HIS POWERS

ORIGINATE.

**SUNG
JINWOO...**

**...DOES NOT
BORROW HIS
STRENGTH FROM
SOMEPLACE
ELSE.**

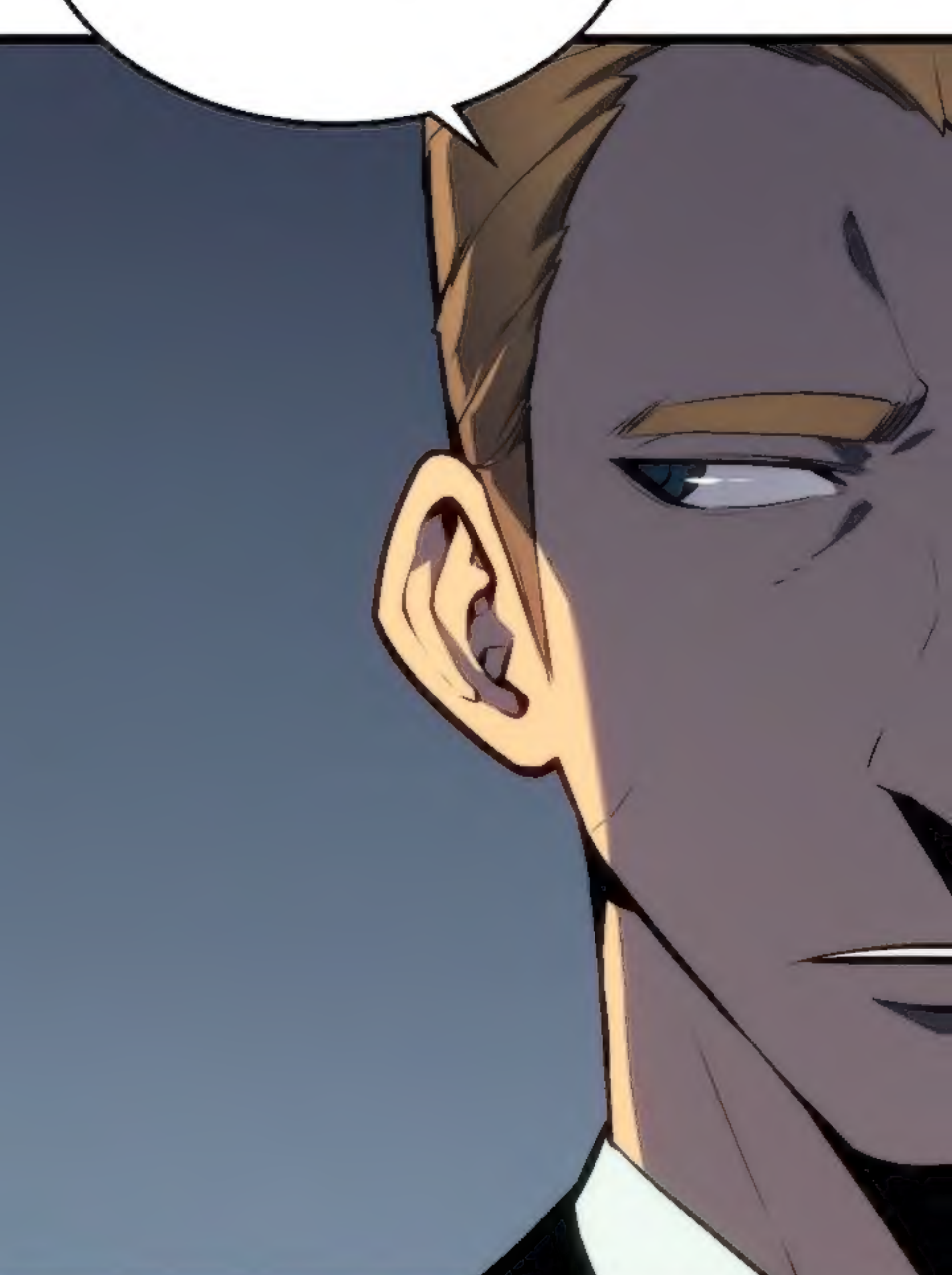


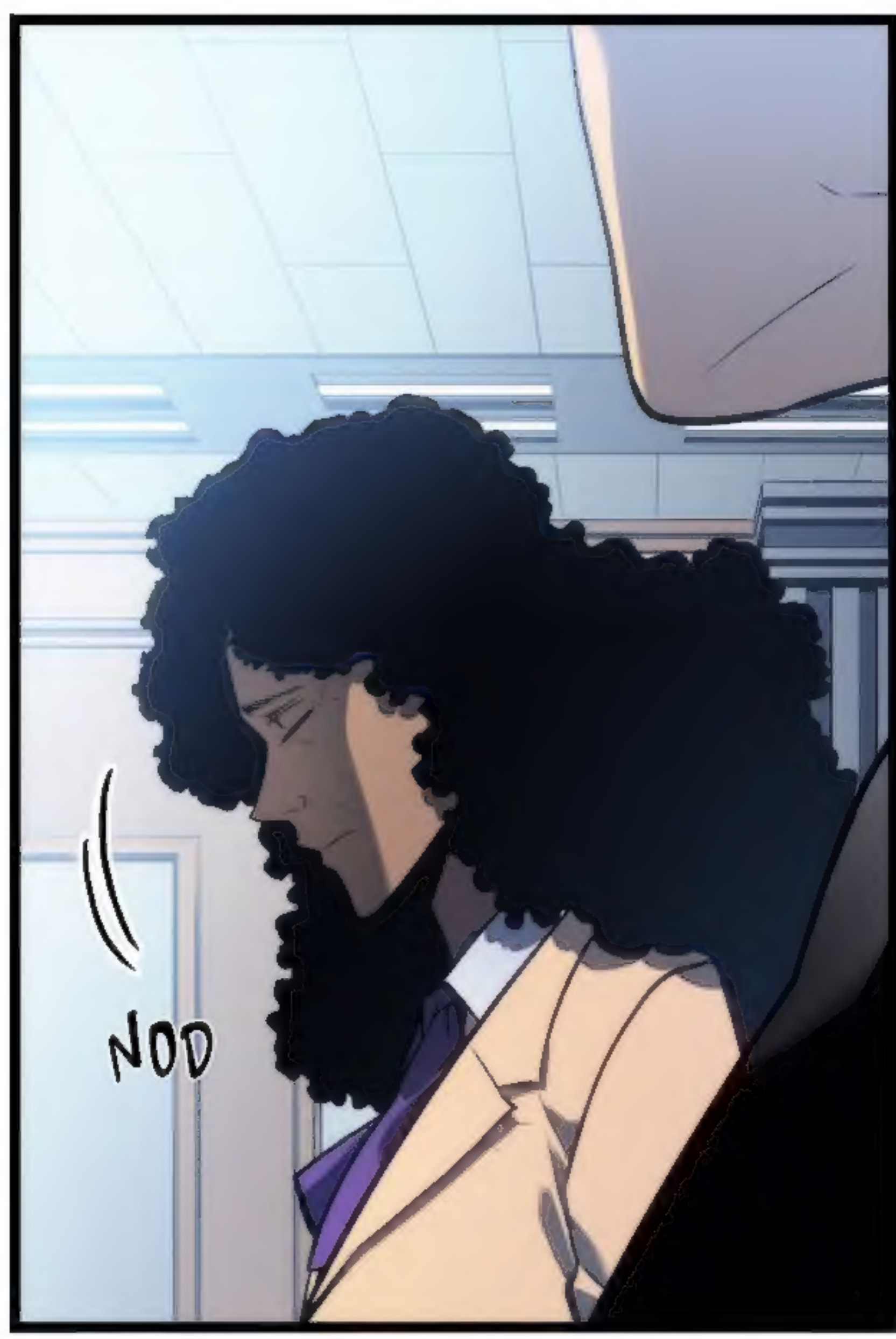
**HE DOESN'T
USE THE
CONNECTION TO
CHANNEL HIS
POWERS.**

**HE USES HIS OWN
STRENGTH, SO THE
LIMITATIONS OF THE
CONNECTION DON'T
APPLY TO HIM.**

WHICH MEANS...

**...THERE IS
NO LIMIT TO HIS
POWERS.**





THANK YOU
FOR YOUR TIME,
MS. SELNER.

WHERE
ARE YOU HEADED,
MR. BRENNON?



COME WITH
ME.



IF WE CAN'T USE
MS. SELNER'S ABILITIES
TO RECRUIT HIM, WE MUST
FIND ANOTHER WAY.



DO YOU
REMEMBER THE FIRST
EVER S-RANK GATE
THAT OPENED?






OF COURSE
I DO.

HOW COULD
I FORGET THE
MOST CATASTROPHIC
DUNGEON BREAK
TO DATE?

IT DEVASTATED
THE ENTIRE
WEST COAST
AREA.

AMERICA RECRUITED THE
WORLD'S STRONGEST HUNTERS
BY OFFERING THEM A HUGE
REWARD, AND OF THOSE, FIVE
SURVIVED THE RAID.

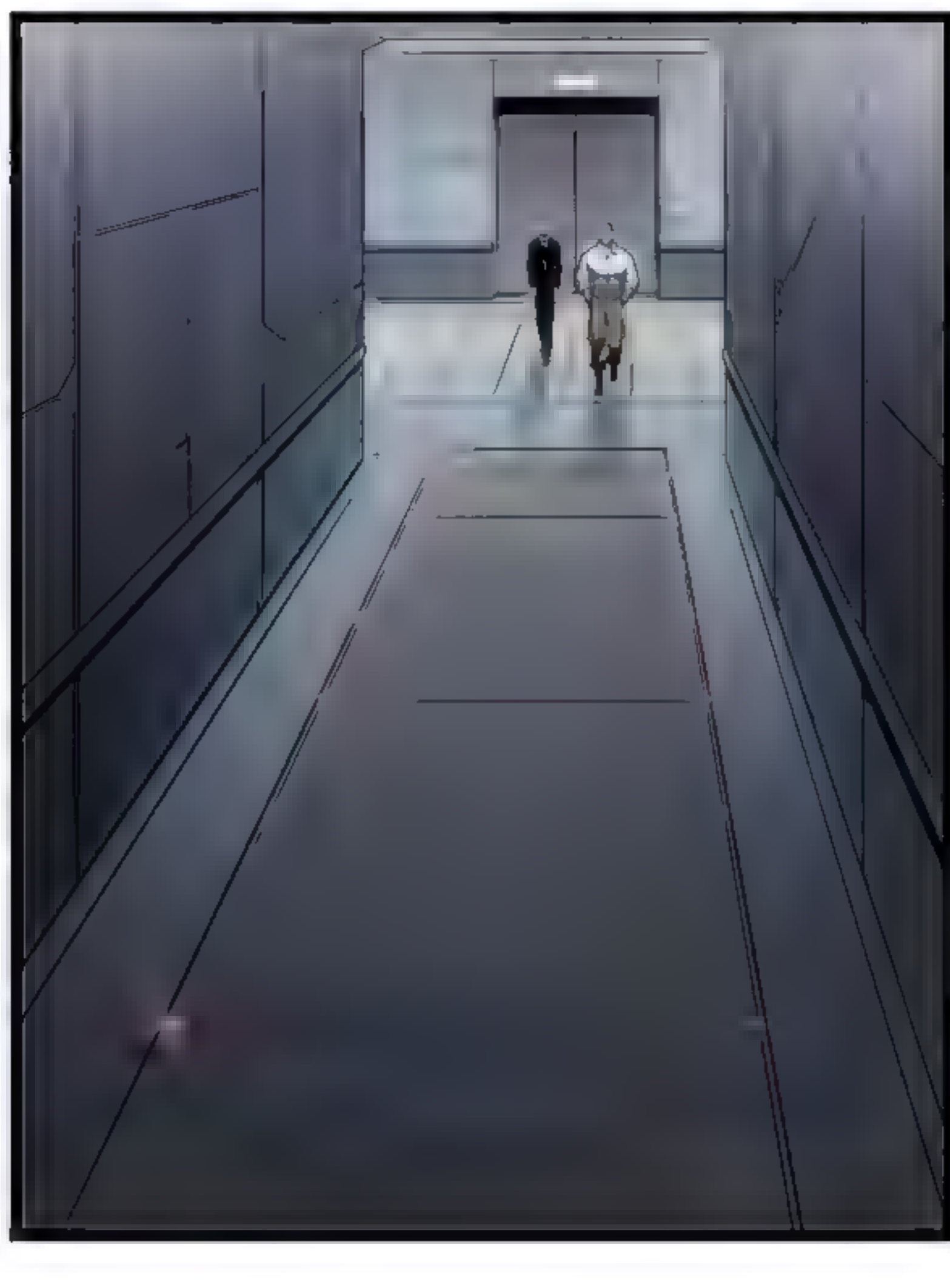



EACH ONE WAS
GIVEN AUTHORITY
EQUAL TO THAT OF
A NATION,

WHICH GAVE
BIRTH TO THE TITLE,
"NATIONAL LEVEL
HUNTERS."


KAMISH THE
DRAGON, ALSO
KNOWN AS "THE
INEXTINGUISHABLE
FLAME"...

...WAS
THE MAGIC BEAST
THAT SINGLE-HANDEDLY
OBLITERATED HUNDREDS
OF TOP-RANKING
HUNTERS.





BUT WOULD
YOU BELIEVE ME IF
I TOLD YOU THAT THERE
WAS A SILVER LINING TO
THAT TRAGEDY?

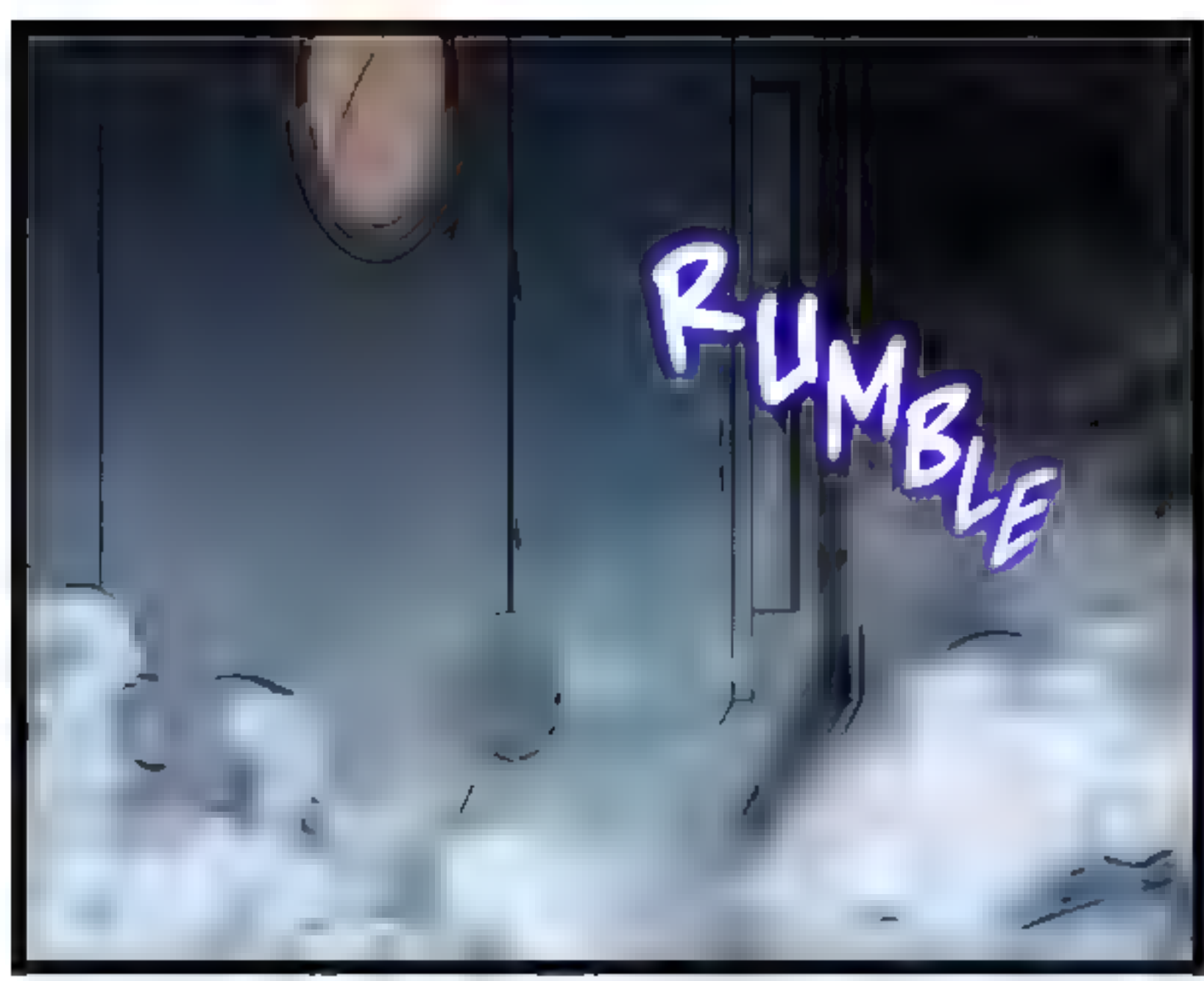


ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT...

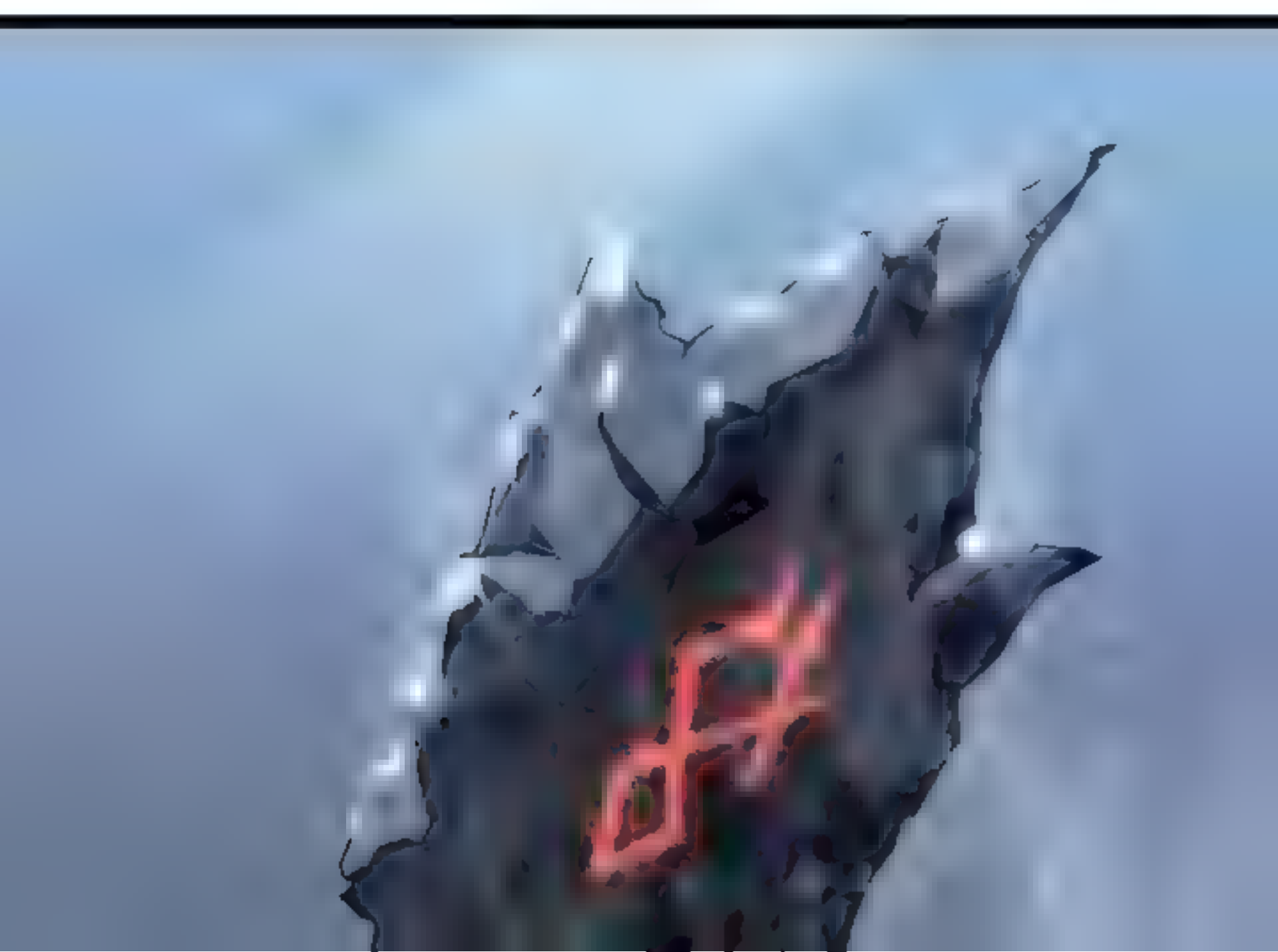
BEEP BEEP

BEEP

YOU BET I AM.



THIS
RUNE STONE
WAS FOUND IN
KAMISH'S
CORPSE.





IT'S BEEN EIGHT
YEARS SINCE THE
KAMISH RAID.



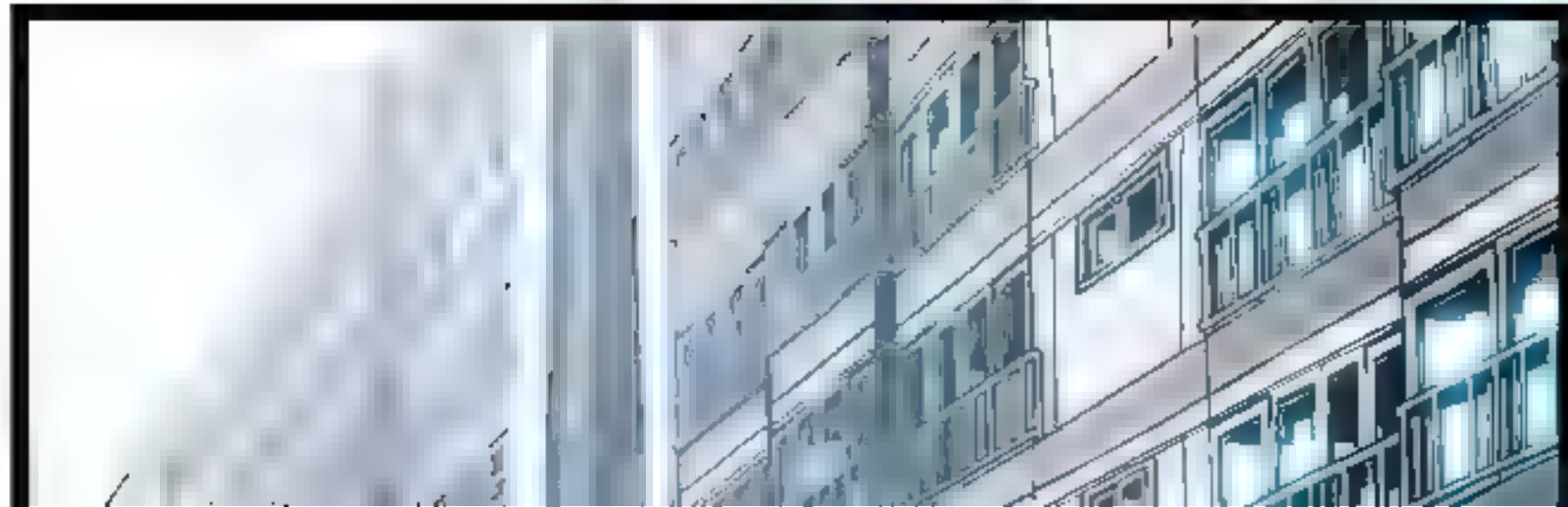
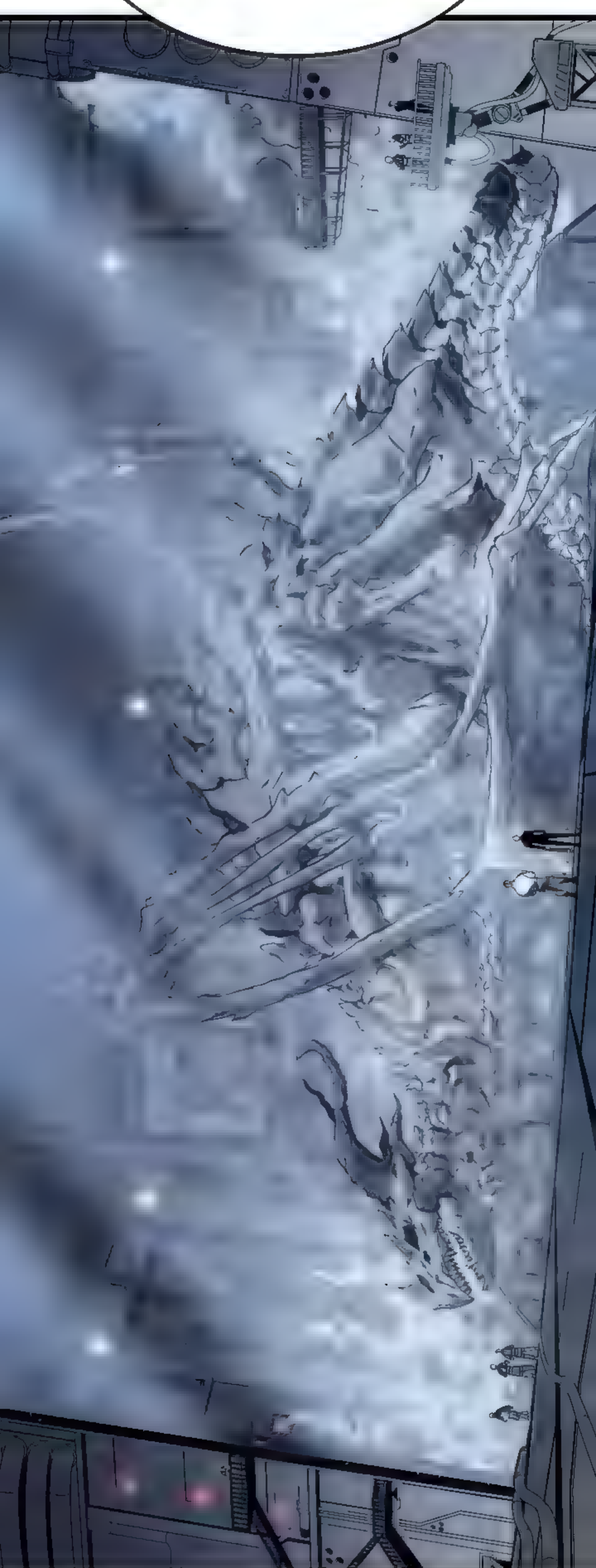
THERE HAS YET TO BE A
MAGE CLASS NATIONAL
LEVEL HUNTER,

SO THIS RUNE
STONE HAS BEEN WAITING
IN THIS COLD BASEMENT
FOR ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER
TO ARRIVE FOR QUITE
SOME TIME NOW.

HOWEVER,
KAMISH WILL ONCE
AGAIN...



...BESTOW
A VALUABLE
GIFT UPON THIS
BEAUTIFUL
COUNTRY.





HMM...



I CAN DEFINITELY
TELL THAT SINCE MY
REAWAKENING, I'VE GROWN
A FEW INCHES AND GOTTEN
IN BETTER SHAPE. BUT AM
I REALLY ALL THAT
NOW...?



I'M
PRETTY SURE MY
LOOKS ARE JUST
AVERAGE.



COULD
IT BE BECAUSE OF
THE BUFFS I GAINED
FROM "THE WILL TO
RECOVER"?

IT STATES THAT "ANY
DAMAGES TO THE BODY
WILL BE RESTORED,"
WHICH IS WHY MY SKIN
CLEARED UP, TOO.



JINAH.

HM?

HOW WOULD
YOU RATE ME?

IN TERMS
OF WHAT?



IN TERMS OF
ATTRACTIVENESS.

EH?

WHERE THE HECK
IS THAT CONFIDENCE
COMING FROM?

IN MY EYES, YOU
JUST LOOK LIKE
A BUM.

WHACK

SHOVE

UH-HUH. THANKS
A LOT FOR YOUR
OBJECTIVE
OPINION.

HEY, HEY.
KEEP THAT UP AND
YOU'LL BREAK
YOUR LEG.

DID YOU ALREADY
FORGET THAT I HAVE
THE BODY OF AN S-RANK
HUNTER? HOW DOES
A BIRD BRAIN LIKE YOU
EVEN GET THROUGH
SCHOOL?

KICK

WHACK

WHAM
KICK

SERIOUSLY? I'M
LITERALLY TOP OF
MY CLASS.

BUT THAT WAS
ONLY FOR YOUR
MOCK EXAMS.

BY THE WAY, I'M
PLANNING ON FORMING
A GUILD.

OH? DOES THAT
MEAN YOU GET TO
BE THE BIG BOSS
NOW?

YEAH, IF ALL
GOES WELL.

WHAT
DO YOU THINK
ABOUT THE NAME,
**"SOLO PLAYER
GUILD"**?

YOU'RE JOKING,
RIGHT?

WHY WOULD YOU
NAME YOUR GUILD
THAT?

WHY? IS
IT WEIRD?

YOU USE
YOUR ABILITIES
TO SUMMON THOSE
DARK SOLDIERS,

SO TECHNICALLY,
YOU'RE NOT A SOLO
PLAYER.



THAT'S A
GOOD POINT...

THEN
WHAT SHOULD
I NAME IT?



HOW
ABOUT **"AHJIN
GUILD"**?

IN CHINESE
CHARACTERS,
"AH" MEANS "I," AND
"JIN" MEANS "TO GO
FORWARD."

AHJIN?

YEAH, I ACTUALLY
CHOSE IT BECAUSE
IT'S MY NAME
BACKWARDS.

WHAT DO
YOU THINK? IT'S A
FEEL-GOOD NAME,
ISN'T IT?

NOT TOO BAD,
ACTUALLY.



AAAAARGH!!

"I THINK SO"?!

"I THINK
SOOO"?!?

WHAP

WHAP

I BASICALLY
TOLD HIM I LIKE
HIM...!

THEN I DON'T
THINK JOINING MY
GUILD WAS THE BEST
OPTION. ISN'T THERE
A BETTER WAY?



WAAH...

HE
PROBABLY THINKS
I'M CRAZY...

BUT HE
DID SAVE MY
LIFE...!

SO OF
COURSE I'D BE
INTERESTED
IN HIM!!





YEAH, IT'S PERFECTLY OKAY!

UGH, WHO AM I KIDDING?!



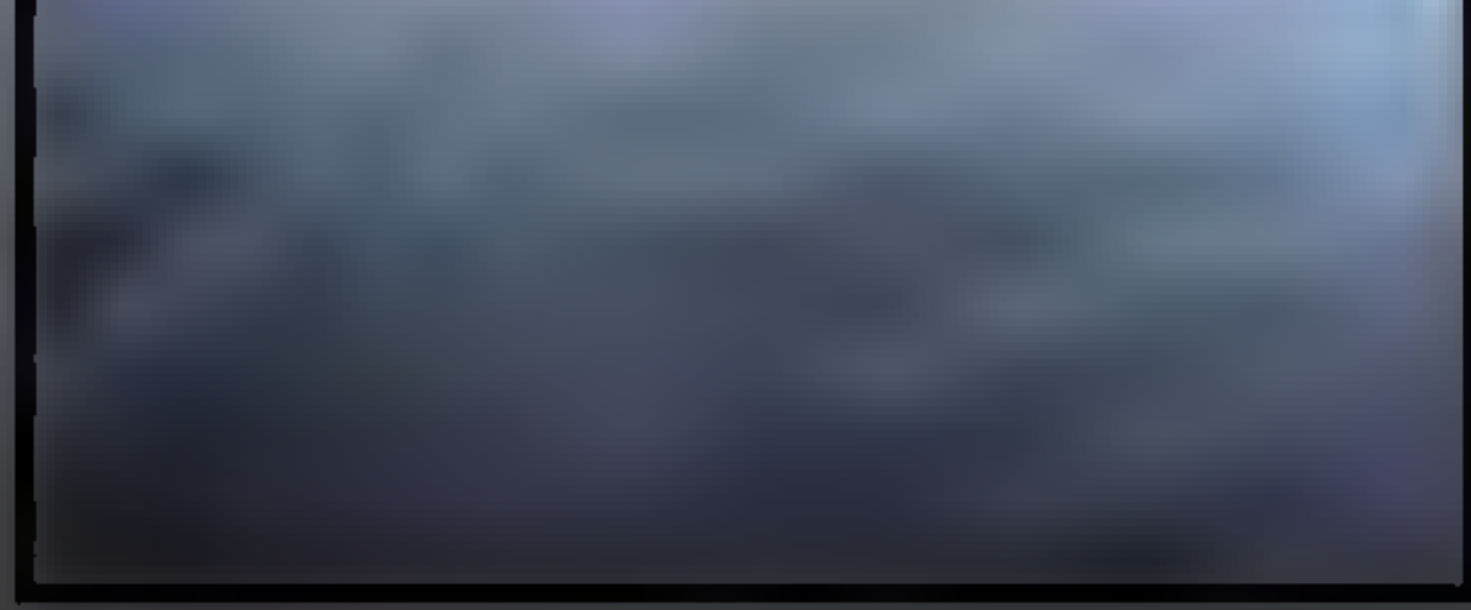
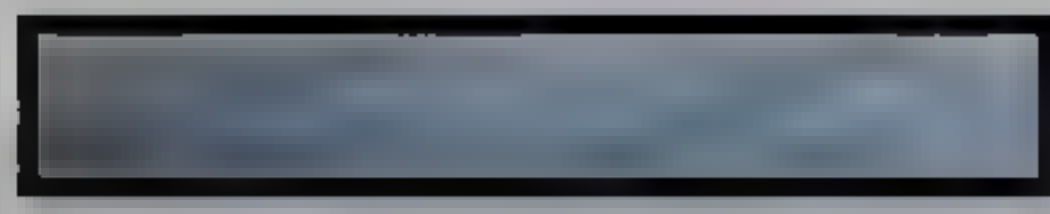
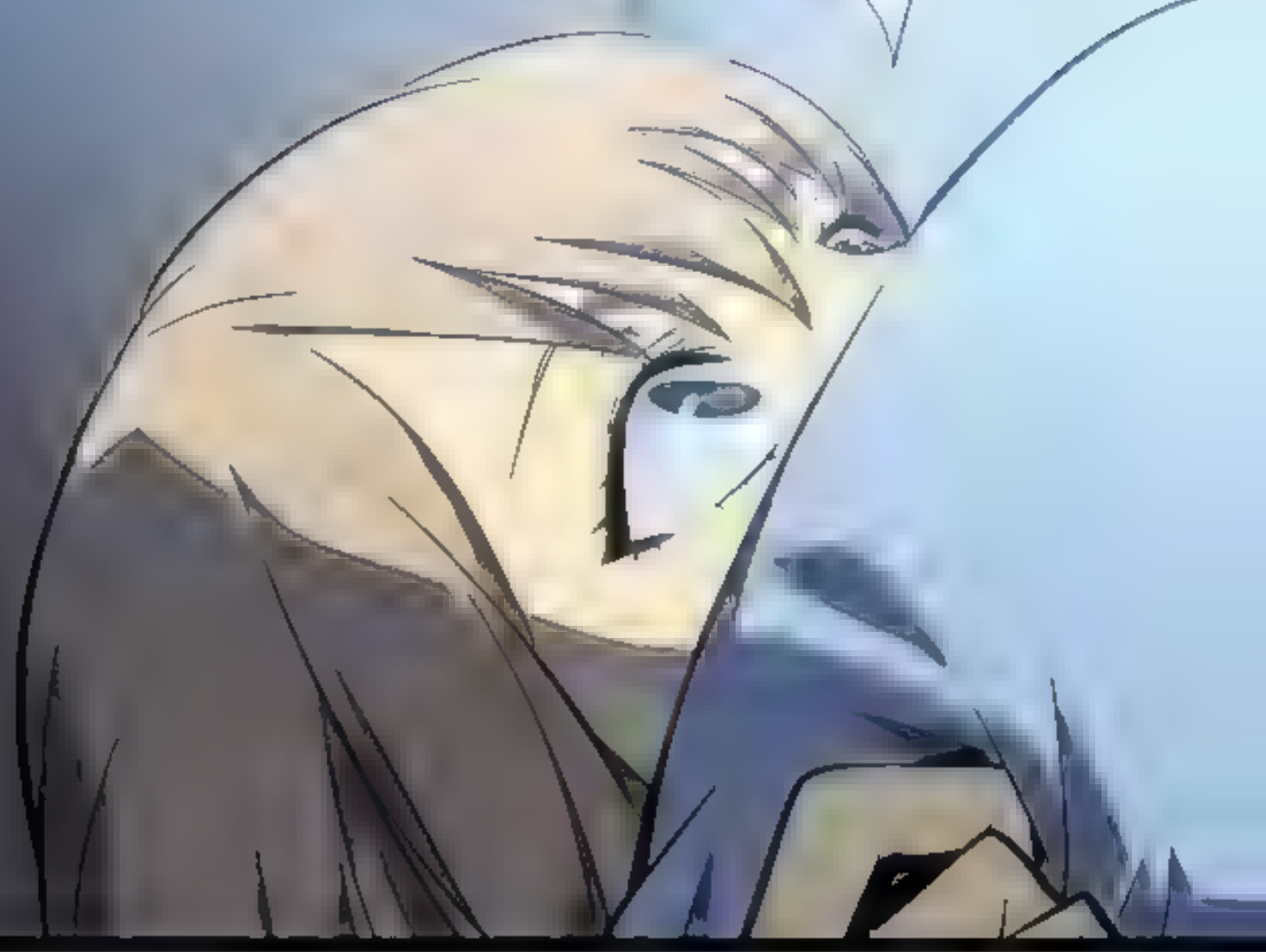
EVERYTHING IS TOTALLY NOT OKAY!

WELL...



...STRICTLY SPEAKING, I WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE BECAUSE OF MIN BYUNG-GU'S HEALING ABILITIES.

PLEASE
TELL HIM...

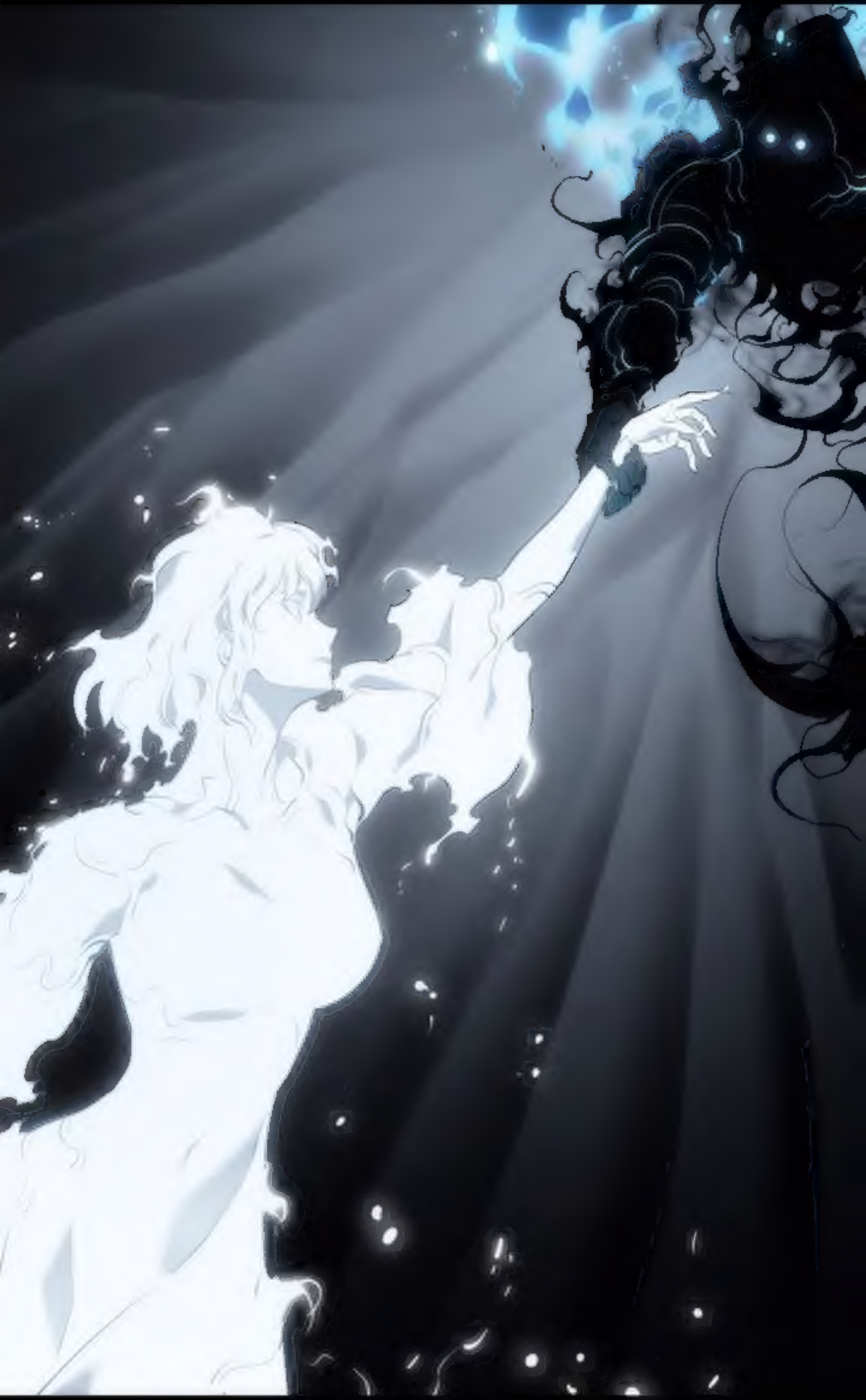




PLEASE
TELL HIM
THAT...

GRAB





PLEASE TELL HIM
THAT HE MUST BE
CAREFUL.



TELL
SUNG JINWOO...



*...THAT HE MUST
BE CAREFUL OF THE
POWERS THAT LIE
WITHIN HIM.*



I REMEMBER
NOW...!



*I SAW
MIN BYUNG-GU!*

To Be Continued...

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